

**WAC 296-307-09515 What handwashing facilities must an employer provide?** You must provide handwashing facilities for employees engaged in hand-labor operations in the field, without cost to the employee. Handwashing facilities must meet the following requirements:

(1) One handwashing facility with a tap and an adequate supply of water, soap, single-use hand towels, and either a basin or other suitable container for washing is provided for each twenty employees or fraction of twenty.

**Note:** Nonpotable water must not be used for washing any part of a person, except as permitted by the local health authority.

(2) Each facility has running water.

(3) Each facility has a dispenser containing handsoap or a similar cleansing agent.

(4) Each facility has individual single-use hand towels.

(5) Facilities are maintained in a clean and sanitary condition according to appropriate public health sanitation practices.

(6) Waste receptacles are provided. Disposal of wastes from the facilities does not create a hazard nor cause an unsanitary condition.

(7) Employees are allowed reasonable time during the work period to use the facilities.

(8) Handwashing facilities are near toilet facilities and within one-quarter mile of each employee's worksite in the field.

**Exception:** Where it is not feasible to locate facilities as required above, the facilities must be located at the point of closest vehicular access.

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